statutory powers and if so, by when legislation to this effect is likely to be brought forward in Parliament?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) The Government have decided to set up a National Disaster Management Authority under the Chairmanship of the Prime Minister. The Authority shall be responsible to draw up disaster management plan, coordinating and monitoring its implementation as also coordinating response to a disaster. The Authority may issue guidelines enabling the State Disaster Management Authority to draw up the State Disaster Management Plan in accordance with the National Plan.

(b) Yes, Sir. The Disaster Management Bill, 2005 is proposed to be introduced in Parliament as early as possible.

Rape Cases in Delhi

†250. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that incidents of rape of women are increasing constantly in National Capital Delhi for last many years;

(b) if so, the details of such incidents during last three years; year-wise;

(c) the details of action taken in each case; and

(d) the outcome of the action taken and the effective steps being taken to prevent such incidents in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. The number of rape cases reported in Delhi during the last three years has shown a rising trend. The details of cases and progress/outcome of the action taken in the matter is indicated in the enclosed statement. (See below)

The steps taken to prevent rape cases include:

(i) establishment of Crime Against Women Cell;

(ii) Setting up of Rape Crises Intervention Centres in all the nine Police Districts;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(iii) association of Women Police Officers in investigation of rape cases;

(iv) setting up of three Special Courts headed by women judges;

(v) networking with Non-Governmental Organisations;

(vi) deployment of staff in plain clothes at vulnerable places;

(vii) starting of dedicated telephone help lines; and

(viii) constitution of 'Women Mobile Team' to attend to distress calls from women on round-the-clock basis.

Statement

Details of rape cases reported in Delhi during last three years

Status of Cases

	Number of cases		
	2002	2003	2004
Admitted	401	472	533
Challaned	376	398	408
Pending Investigation	19	62	124
Untraced	6	12	1

Action Against accused

	Number of cases		
	2002	2003	2004
Arrested	618	624	745
Convicted	12	0	0
Acquitted	72	29	13
Pending trial	504	527	594
Pending Investigation	23	63	122
Discharged	7	5	16